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Teruhiko SUZUKI et al.)
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
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For: **ENCODING METHOD,**)
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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 2004-134896
2. JP 2004-64725
3. JP 8-116448
4. JP 6-237448

An English-language abstract of documents 2 and 4 is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the priority application citing these references and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 2004-134896	04-30-2004	NTT DOCOMO INC		No
		JP 2004-64725	02-26-2004	MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD		Abstract
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		JP 6-237448	08-23-1994	TOSHIBA CORP.		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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